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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, RE-C. In connection with forthcoming conference on civil rights scheduled to be held in Washington, D. C., on March 4-6, 1956, under sponsorship of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and other supporting organizations information has been received from various sources that Communist Party will endeavor to send delegates and make efforts to influence activities of this conference, including any resolutions adopted.

It is/desired that efforts be made by each recipient of instant communication to determine whether a Communist delegation will attend this conference and if so the identities and number of those participating. [redacted]

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Above-requested data should be promptly furnished to Bureau along with identities of any informants who will attend this conference. This matter must be closely followed and all pertinent developments promptly furnished Bureau on continuing basis.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
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Reference is made to my previous communications relative to the forthcoming conference on civil rights scheduled to be held in Washington, D. C., on March 4-6, 1956, under the sponsorship of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and other supporting organizations.

For your additional information the following has been received from a source who has furnished reliable data in the past.

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DATE: February 24, 1956

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
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Attention: Chief, Security Division

FROM: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

Re newspaper article appearing in "Times Picayune," New Orleans, January 20, 1956, containing statement by Clarence A. Laws, field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), that Dr. T. R. M. Howard "has never been on the NAACP staff, or a leader in the Association." All offices determine at once if Dr. Howard has any status, official or otherwise, with NAACP. Bureau desires no investigation be conducted. Submitted results of inquiry.

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National Association for Advancement of Colored People

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Mr J. Edgar Hoover.

Dear Sir;

I would like to know if the N.A.A.C.P. has been checked for Communist backers?

Sincerely Your

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February 17, 1956

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated February 10, 1956, has been received, and although I would like to be of service, the files of the FBI are confidential and information contained in them is available for official use only.

I know you will not infer from my inability to be of assistance either that we do or that we do not have the information which you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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___Mr. Mohr, 5517
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___Mr. Rosen, 5706
___Mr. Tamm, 4130 IB
___Mr. Kesy, 1742

___Mr. Nichols, 5640
___Mr. McGuire, 5642
___Mr. Wick, 5634
___Mr. DeLoach, 5636
___Mr. Morgan, 5625

___Mr. Jones, 4236
___Mr. Leonard 6222 IB
___Mr. Walkart, 7204
___Mr. Eames, 7206
___Mr. Wherry, 5537

___Mr. Sizoo, 5744
___Miss Gandy, 5633
___Mr. Holloman, 5633

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Mr. Nichols
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On page 7 the Director questioned the phrase [redacted] The [redacted] should never have been used and I should have read this more closely before sending it through.

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L. B. Nichols
Room 5640, Ext. 691

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TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: February 8, 1956

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

cc - Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP)

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This memorandum concerning the NAACP is being prepared at the request of Mr. Nichols who has an appointment with Thurgood Marshall, special counsel of the NAACP on February 9, 1956.

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Thurgood Marshall

A summary memorandum regarding Marshall was prepared on December 15, 1950. Marshall has been special counsel of the NAACP since at least 1946. Marshall, according to House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and public source records, was associated with Communist front organizations in the 1940's, e. g., National Lawyers Guild and International Juridical Association. Both organizations have been cited as Communist fronts by the HCUA, although neither has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The HCUA in a 1944 report listed Marshall as a national committeeman of the International Juridical Association. The HCUA in a report dated September 17, 1950, listed Marshall as Executive Board member of the National Lawyers Guild as of December 19, 1949. (62-86660)

National Association For Advancement of Colored People - Summary

Background of NAACP

The NAACP was incorporated in the State of New York in 1911 and the stated aim of the organization has been to secure full citizenship rights for the Negroes by legal and other recognized ethical methods and frequently by vigorous protestation of alleged discrimination.

The current paid membership of the NAACP on a nationwide basis is slightly over 250,000. There is a delinquent membership of approximately the same figure which is not included in the membership rolls because of arrears in fees and dues.

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There are approximately 1,200 branches throughout 44 states and Alaska. There are in addition approximately 250 youth councils and college chapters. (6-3176-1161 Pretext call to secretary, Membership Committee, NAACP, 11-23-55.)

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

Position of NAACP Re Communism

The NAACP at its Forty-first National Convention held in Boston, June, 1950, went on record as opposing Communism and empowered its Board of Directors to revoke the charter of any chapter found to be Communist controlled. (61-3176597)

At the Forty-sixth Annual Convention of the NAACP held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in June, 1955, the NAACP reaffirmed its rejection of Communism as an antidemocratic way of life and form of Government. (61-31761161)

Communist Party Penetration Into NAACP

There is listed below a number of examples of the relentlessness of the Communist Party in attempting to infiltrate and influence the NAACP as extracted from the official line of the Communist Party appearing in "Political Affairs," the monthly theoretical organ of the Communist Party. On page 42 of the December, 1955, edition of "Political Affairs," an article appeared in regard to the Till case.

This article referred to the arrogant attacks now being made against the NAACP throughout the South. The article stated, "Southern reaction is in deadly ernest. Therefore, nothing short of the most resolute fight to defend and safeguard the NAACP will be sufficient to stay the hand of reaction on this front."

In the same article it is stated, "The first task of Marxists in respect to the Till movement is to exert our maximum influence in furthering the fighting unity of the Negro people. But in order to play a leading role in this connection, Marxists and Left forces must be in this movement, a part of the mass organizations that are leading it and strengthen their ties with it in all possible ways."

This article was written by Edward E. Strong, a member of the Steering Committee of the National Negro Commission of the Communist Party.

The January, 1956, issue of "Political Affairs," on page 17, contains a statement that, "It is time, Comrades, that we ... salute the heroic leadership which the NAACP is giving to this far-flung struggle in the heart-land of Dixiecrat racism. The NAACP in the South is leading a struggle against an implacable and ruthless enemy which is in rebellion against the Constitution and which does not hesitate to kidnap, lynch, cripple and assassinate. We must support the NAACP in the struggle with every ounce of energy at our disposal."

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

This statement appeared in an article written by Max Weiss, who is presently a member of the National Leadership of the Communist Party, USA.

In regard to Negro workers in the labor movement, a statement also appears on page 58 of this issue of "Political Affairs" that the influence of the NAACP can be brought to bear on the problems facing the trade-union movement. It is pointed out that the significance of the programs adopted by the NAACP have been the subject of close scrutiny by the Communist Party. This is established by the analysis of the NAACP Convention of June, 1953, which was analyzed in the November, 1953, issue of "Political Affairs."

In this article it was stated that "the NAACP is increasingly becoming a co-ordinating center for all major organizations among the Negro people ...." Also, "... the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People remains the most important Negro organization dedicated to the fight for Negro equality."

In view of the concentrated effort by the Communist Party to infiltrate the NAACP, the Bureau, since February, 1954, has been investigating the Communist infiltration into this organization.

Our investigation has shown that the Communist Party, while having some success in infiltrating local branches of the organization, has been unable to control or dominate the NAACP on a national or state level.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

Listed below are some specific examples of actions taken by CP leaders and/or members to infiltrate or influence state and local branches of the NAACP.

These examples do not constitute the total penetration made by the CP into the NAACP (to obtain same would necessitate lengthy file review) but merely serve to portray the emphasis that the CP has placed on a successful infiltration of the NAACP.

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The "March on Washington" actually refers to the leadership conference on civil rights which will be held in Washington on March 4 through 6, 1956, under the sponsorship of the NAACP and a number of supporting organizations.

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Reference is made to my previous communications relative to the forthcoming Leadership Conference on Civil Rights scheduled to be held in Washington, D. C., on March 4 through 6, 1956, under the sponsorship of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and other supporting organizations.

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Washington D.C.

Gentlemen: We in the South are wondering why we are not getting protection against this vicious, under handed, communistic organization, the NAACP.

We have certainly done nothing to deserve the lying, intimidating, sadistic ideas of certain elements in the North.

The representatives of the NAACP are crossing state lines every day, running back & forth from Chicago and New York to Mississippi, Alabama and other southern places fomenting trouble, undermining our Southern civilization and working to cause disagreeing and strife between

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As for that matter, the NAACP seems to have its own Ku Klux Klan & I believe in Montgomery you can get the evidence to destroy the organization which, if allowed to have its full sw[illegible] will set the South back 2 5'[illegible] destroy our civilization and

3. probabl our government.
You do not have to take my word for it but daily copies of the Montgomery Advertiser will prove it to you. Negroes here are afraid to ride the busses in fear and trembling of their own race, the N A A C P.

M. L. King is the instigator and agitator and should be tried for treason.

My husband and I have helped build this country and I don't propose to sit calmly by and see it destroyed by an inferior race which if sent through 50 colleges, would still revert to Cannibalism & voodooism in fifty years.

I've worked side by side with them in my home for over 30

years, and there's just no comparison between the white race and the black except that they both walk on two legs.

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Sincerely yours

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P.S. Gentlemen, please see what you can do in this matter. It is most urgent.

Only a dictatorship has the right to dictate our social life and select our associates. Are we living in a democracy or under dictators?

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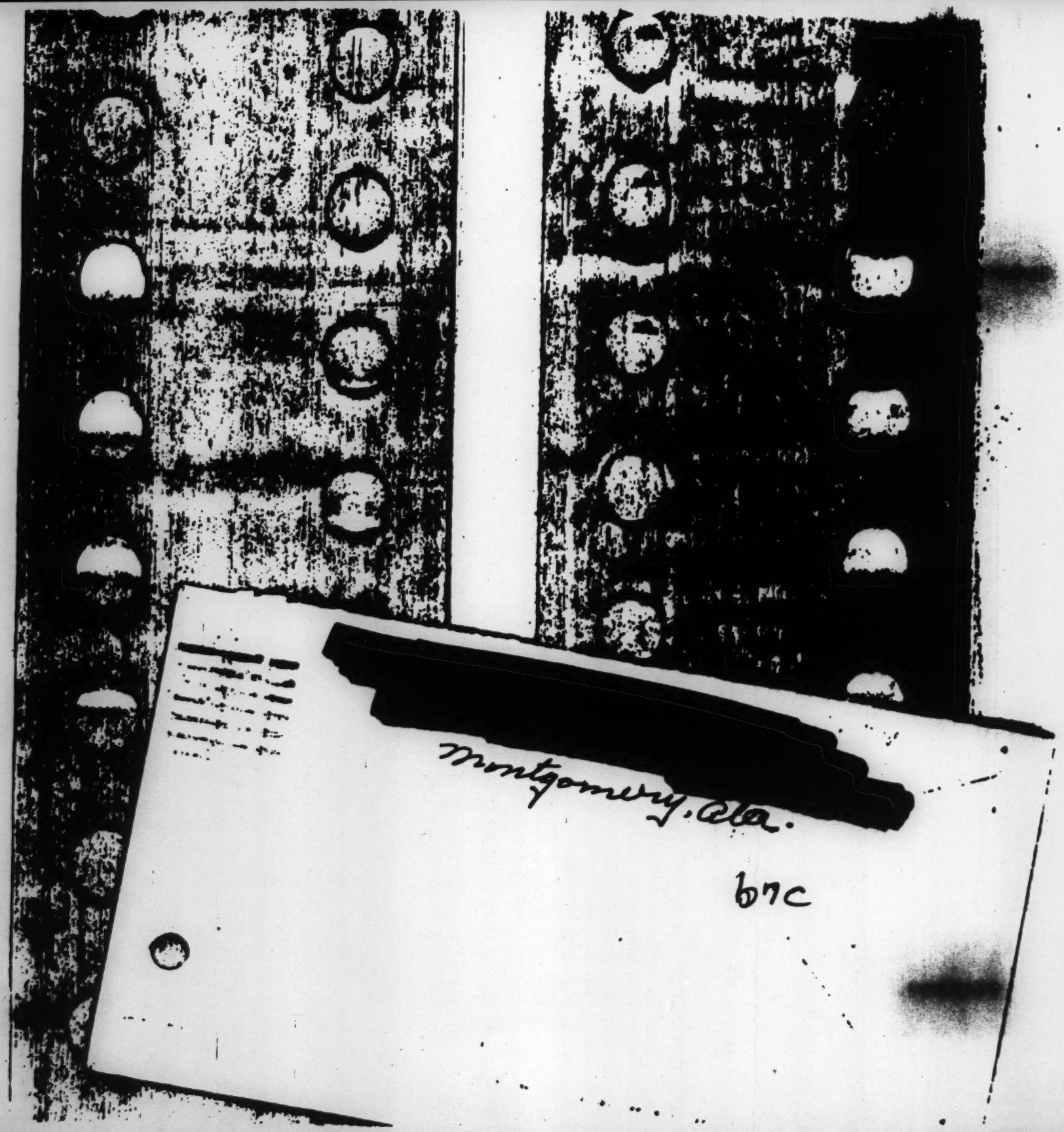
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Composition And Aims Of NAACP

It Claims 1,000 Montgomery Members, About 13,000 In State, 250,000 In Nation; Local President Full Of No Comment; Birmingham CEO For 7 States

By Tom Johnson

THE NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) is, without doubt, the most hated and most feared of organizations in the minds of Southerners.

What is its growth, what are its aims and purposes? Some of the answers to it's mysteriously guarded to outsiders of what Southerners finally call "a way of life".

Mrs. Ruby Hurley, NAACP regional director for seven states (including Alabama), furnished much of the information printed here. Some came from NAACP pamphlets and official pronouncements which are mailed periodically to members.

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To begin with there are more than 250,000 NAACP members in the United States. From 10,000 to 15,000 of them live in Alabama and more than 1,000 in Montgomery.

THE STATED AIMS

The NAACP was born in 1909, following the race riots in Springfield, Ill., the year before. It was conceived by several white citizens bent on achieving "civil and political liberty" for the Negro.

After two conferences in New York—the first one on Lincoln's birthday—the NAACP was officially organized as a permanent body and its magazine Crisis established. But it was not until the 1940's that the NAACP, by then led by the incendiary Walter White, began to show signs of achieving its present status.

White, now dead, more than any other person, was responsible for the programs and activities of the NAACP and for the ambitious goals of the organization:

¶ Fair employment practices. "The entire resources of the association are pledged to the campaign for establishment of a Federal Fair Employment Practices Commission [FEPC] with full enforcement powers."

¶ A new lynch law. "With the decline of lynchings, the number of unpunished bombings, floggings and shootings has increased in many sections of the country. The NAACP has marshalled all of its resources to meet the challenge of the new lynch law."

¶ Anti-poll tax law.

¶ Desegregated education facilities, to which the NAACP has pledged its "full resources" to "level the barriers" in every American community.

¶ The end of "military Jim Crow" and acquiring equal housing, travel, recreation, and treatment in courts.

Such are the goals of the NAACP. The organization's spokesmen maintain these goals will be achieved by legal means, that is, in the courts and by legislation. Court action is the basic tool.

NAACP MONEY SENT

Obviously, at the bottom of the organization's program is a complete end to segregation. On this, the NAACP recognizes no compromise. For instance, on the subject of education, a group of NAACP leaders who met in Atlanta in 1954 issued the following statement:

"Lest there be any misunderstanding of our position, we here rededicate ourselves to the removal of all racial segregation in public education and reiterate our determination to achieve this goal without compromise of principle."

Because of this view, the regional director says the NAACP does not officially endorse the Montgomery bus boycott "at this particular stage." That's because the boycott leaders claim they are not seeking an end to segregation laws, "merely a *better form* of segregation."

However, says Mrs. Hurley, "The NAACP is sympathetic and is interested."

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[illegible] MEMBERSHIP

In 1955 a regional office was established [illegible] in Birmingham, with [illegible] over Alabama and all [illegible] Georgia [illegible] North Carolina and [illegible]

From [illegible] to the present, the membership [illegible] including Mrs. Hurley [illegible] in 1955 had 250 members. [illegible] the figure is 5,000.

Membership dues [illegible] $2, the minimum for adult members, to $500 for a lifetime membership. Mrs. Hurley says NAACP members enjoy the same privileges regardless of how much they pay. The only difference is that the $100 memberships receive the magazine Crisis and other literature free.

(In 1954, R. D. Nixon, a former state president of the NAACP and an active member of the Montgomery chapter, held a $2 membership.)

MONTGOMERY 3RD LARGEST

Last year there was a 35% rise in regional membership and about the same in Alabama, where several new branches were established. Other local chapters reorganized and became more active.

The Montgomery branch is the third largest in the state with about 1,000 members. (Mobile has 1,500, Birmingham 1,200.) There are some white members but the exact number is not known because "we don't keep records by race."

Although the bus boycott here may not carry official NAACP endorsement all of its leaders and "all enlightened Negroes" are members of the race organization.

COMMENT NONE

Robert L. Matthews, an official of the Pilgrim Health and Life Insurance Co. is the Montgomery president. *The Advertiser* called him last week to get information about the Montgomery branch, but Matthews was reluctant to talk, as you will see by the following:

Q. Do you have a statement to make on the Montgomery NAACP?

A. Well, no sir, we don't have anything other than I can say this: I talked with the state president and we came to the conclusion that it wouldn't be advisable to give out anything at this particular time.

Q. What do you base that on?

A. Well, I don't know. I didn't go into full details with him about it because I don't know of anything particular right now that we could give out. I mean, we are not engaged in any particular activities at this time.

Q. Is the local NAACP involved in the bus boycott?

A. We are not endorsing it and we're not taking any active part. The NAACP doesn't have anything to do with the bus boycott at all.

Q. How many members are there in the local chapter.

A. Well, I'll be frank with you. I wouldn't want to give that information.

Q. Did you have any white members in 1955?

A. I'm sure we did. I'm not positive about that, but I'm sure we did.

Q. Do you meet regularly?

A. We meet regularly. We meet the second and fourth Sundays.

Q. At the NAACP office?

A. No, we meet at different places. In other words, we meet at churches—places that's convenient to have meetings.

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Q. Are you the president of the Montgomery NAACP?

A. That's right.

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It is interested to the extent that the national board approved financial assistance to the boycott and Mrs. Hurley says she is "reasonably sure—in fact, I'm sure—that assistance will come from NAACP branches." (There are approximately 34 in Alabama.) But how much money has been sent could not be learned.

She said the state field secretary has been to Montgomery several times and she herself has visited twice. "We certainly will give any assistance—any advice—we can," she added.

She is "encouraged by the reaction of our people in Montgomery. I am proud of the patience of our people. I've been appalled at the bus conditions in the South, particularly in Birmingham and Montgomery, where I've ridden buses."

And she is happy to see the Negro ministers trying to make a better life for Negroes "on this side of Jordan."

Until 1950, the director says the NAACP sought to live with the separate-but-equal doctrine. Then "when we found that we were not getting equal, but continuing to get separate [facili-

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Q. Are the NAACP offices open full time?

A. No, they are not open all the time.

Q. Part time?

A. Part time, that's right.

Q. Do you transact much business there?

COMMENT NONE

A. Well, I don't know. I don't think we like to give that information. It's a regular routine organization. That's all. Like any other organization. Legitimate and doing business, just like any other business.

Q. What do you generaly discuss at your meetings?

A. Well, let's see now. I wouldn't want to answer that question.

Q. Would you clarify the NAACP's position on the boycott? Does the NAACP have anything to do with the boycott?

A. No sir.

Q. And doesn't sanction the boycott?

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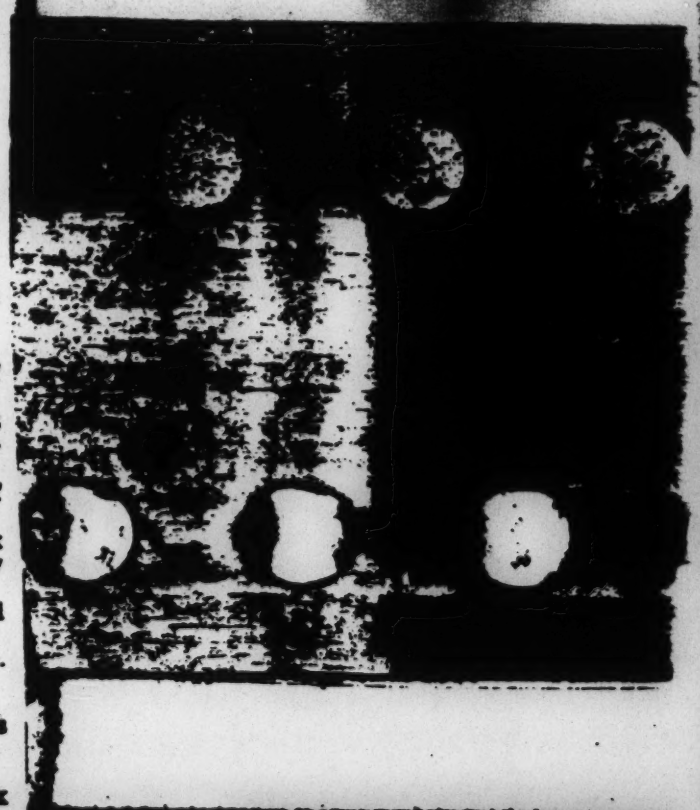

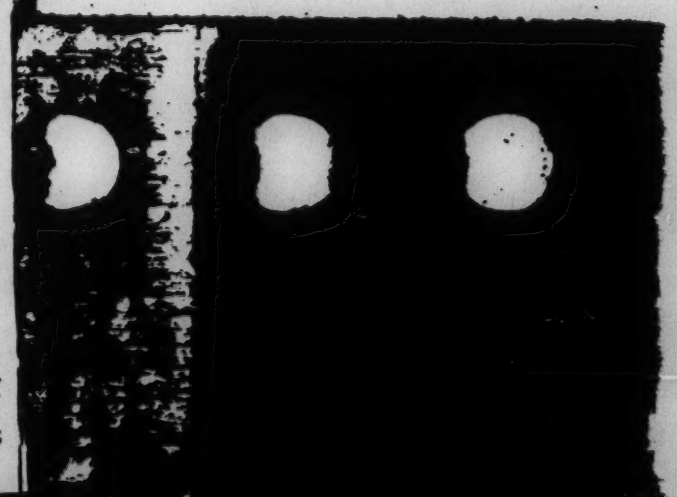

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As for that matter, the NAACP seems to have its own Ku Klux Klan & I believe in Montgomery you can get the evidence to destroy the organization which, if allowed to have its full way will set the South back 250 years, destroy our civilization and probably our government. you do not have to take my word for it but daily copies of the Montgomery Advertiser will prove it to you. Negroes here are afraid to ride the busses in fear and trembling of their own race, the NAACP.

M.. L. King is the investigator and agitator and should be tried for treason.

My husband and I have helped build this country and I don't propose to sit calmly by and see it destroyed by an inferior race which if sent through 50 colleges, would still revert to Cannibalism & voodooism in fifty years.

I've worked side by side with them in my home for over 30 years, and theres just no comparison between the white race and the black except that they both walk on two legs.

Sincerely yours

/s/ [redacted] b7c

[redacted]

P.S. Gentlemen, please see what you can do in this matter. It is most urgent.

Only a dictatorship has the right to dictate our social life and select our associates.

Are we living in a democracy or under dictators?

U. L. R.-1

February 14, 1956

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[redacted]
Montgomery, Alabama

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Dear [redacted]

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 10-15-87 BY [illegible]

Your letter dated February 4, 1956, with enclosure, has been received.

Although I appreciate the interest prompting your sending me your observations, I am unable to answer your inquiries since information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that this Bureau is strictly a fact-gathering agency and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I am sure you will understand the reasons for these rules.

In this connection, I would like to point out that the FBI has never compiled a list of subversive groups for the above reasons. In the event you would like to have a list of organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450, it is suggested that you direct your request to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. I can advise you, however, that the Attorney General's list does not include the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent's lengthy letter expresses her opinion that the NAACP is a communistic organization.

[redacted] b7c

(See next page)

Letter to [redacted] b7c February 18, 19[illegible]

NOTE: (continued)

She encloses a newspaper clipping outlining the group's activities and expressed aims, and this clipping reflects that one of its Mongtomery officers refused to give any information concerning its activities when interviewed by a newspaper reporter.

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Date: 2-15-56

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

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From SAC, Springfield (100-3198)

To: Director, FBI (61-3176) and SAC, CHICAGO

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

On 2-15-56 CIC agents stationed at Decatur, Illinois, inquired of this office concerning a report that the NAACP was staging a march on Washington on March 4 or 5, 1956. The CIC agents indicated G-2 headquarters of 5th Army, Chicago, Illinois, had asked them to make such an inquiry as they had received a rumor to that effect. The source of information at G-2 headquarters not known.

This office has no information relative to this matter and the agents were so advised. This is being brought to the attention of the Bureau and Chicago for information purposes.

WILLIAMS

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2 - Chicago
1 - Springfield
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Mr. Belmont

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Approved: [redacted] Sent _____ Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Sent to Chicago 2/21/56

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cc - [redacted] b7c

SAC, Chicago (100-3261) EX-12 February 21, 1956

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Director, FBI (61-3176) - 1229

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Springfield airtel dated February 15, 1956, advising that G-2, Fifth Army, Chicago, Illinois, had requested Counter Intelligence Corps agents, Decatur, Illinois, to make inquiry at the Springfield Office concerning a "March on Washington" by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The Chicago Office should furnish the Springfield Office pertinent data concerning the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights to be sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and supporting organizations scheduled to be held in Washington, D. C., on March 4 through 6, 1956, without delay.

cc - Springfield (100-3198) (Information)

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February 21, 1956

Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to my previous communications relative to the forthcoming Leadership Conference on Civil Rights scheduled to be held in Washington, D. C., on March 4, through 6, 1956, under the sponsorship of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and other supporting organizations.

For your additional information the following has been received from a source who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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cc - [redacted]

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Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

February 23, 1956

Director, FBI

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
FBI File 61-3176

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated January 10, 1956, captioned "Communist Party, USA, Negro Question, Internal Security - C," advising you of certain activity on the part of the Communist Party, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, in soliciting food, money and clothing for the "starving Negroes in Clarendon County, South Carolina."

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Any additional pertinent information received in connection with this matter will be furnished the Department promptly.

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cc - Liaison Section

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61-3178

Date: February 21, 1956

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

10-15-87 Classified by: [illegible]
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Reference is made to my previous communications relative to the forthcoming Leadership Conference on Civil Rights scheduled to be held in Washington, D. C., on March 4, through 6, 1956, under the sponsorship of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and other supporting organizations.

For your additional information the following has been received from a source who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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Transmit the following message to:

FBI, CHICAGO (100-8261) 2/24/56

DIRECTOR, FBI (61-3176)

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Rebulet to CG dated 2/21/56 captioned as above, requesting that the CG Division apprise SI re Leadership Conference on Civil Rights to be sponsored by the NAACP and supporting organizations scheduled to be held in Washington, D. C. on March 4-6/56

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Reliable informant has advised that the CP, USA considers the NAACP its point of concentration in its penetration of "right-led" organizations.

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Mr. Belmont

Cc: [redacted] b7C

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Approved: [redacted] b7C
Special Agent in Charge

Sent [redacted] b7C

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

AIRTEL

Transmit the following ~~teletype~~ message to:

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The Bureau has evidenced a great and continual interest in this matter and it, as well as WFO, should be advised of any development in the SI Division concerning the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

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Approved:_____ Sent_____M Per_____

Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 2/24/56

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Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

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From SAC, BOSTON (100-1424)

DIRECTOR, FBI

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE.
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ReBuairtel to New York, 2/16/56 and WFO airtel to Bureau 2/21/56.

To date, no Boston Informant is in a position to attend the NAACP sponsored conference on civil rights. All informants have been alerted to desirability of attending this conference. Bureau will be kept advised of any developments.

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Mr. Belmont

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cc: New York (RM) (Info)
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From SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10712)

To: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-3176)

COMINFIL NAACP,
IS - C

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Re Bureau airtel to New York, 2/16/56 and Washington Field airtel to Director 2/21/56.

Cleveland informants have been contacted regarding any plans by the CP to send a delegation to the forthcoming conference in Washington, March 4-6, 1956, With the exception of information set forth below, no possible information was obtained.

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In the event any of the Cleveland informants are able to attend, instructions as set forth in re airtels will be complied with.

HAWKINS

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Date: 2-17-56

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From SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10712) (100-22659)

To: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-3176)

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DAYLET

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Remy Daylet, 11-16-55, captioned CP-USA, LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES; my Daylet, 2-6-56, captioned CP-USA, NEGRO QUESTION, IS - C and CI Daylet, 1-19-56, captioned as above.

The following article indicates that NAACP on College Campuses are also active in the "March on Washington". This article appears in the 2-14-56 issue of the "Oberlin Review", a newspaper published by the students of Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. This article is set forth verbally and is captioned, "NAACP Delegates Go To Washington":

"In conjunction with campus organizations all over the nation, the College National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is planning to send delegates to the National Delegate Assembly for Civil Rights, to be held in Washington, D.C., March 4-6.

"As defined by the NAACP, the purpose of this Civil Rights assembly is 'to call upon Congress to enact legislation in this session to safeguard the civil rights of American citizens.' Delegates from the college campuses will meet with individual Congressmen to discuss civil rights and urge the passage of such legislation.

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"There will be a meeting of all students interested in attending this Assembly 4:30 pm Thursday in Goodrich House to discuss details of transportation and arrangements."

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Mr. Belmont

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2 - Cleveland

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Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

February 23, 1956

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Reference is made to my previous communications relative to the forthcoming Leadership Conference on Civil Rights scheduled to be held in Washington, D. C., on March 4 through 6, 1956, under the sponsorship of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and other supporting organizations.

The following article captioned "NAACP Delegates Go To Washington," which appeared in the February 14, 1956, issue of the "Oberlin Review," a newspaper published by the students of Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, indicates that NAACP campus organizations will also be active in the above-mentioned conference:

"In conjunction with campus organizations all over the nation, the College National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is planning to send delegates to the National Delegate Assembly for Civil Rights, to be held in Washington, D. C., March 4-6.

"As defined by the NAACP, the purpose of this Civil Rights assembly is 'to call upon Congress to enact legislation in this session to safeguard the civil rights of American citizens.' Delegates from the college campuses will meet with individual Congressmen to discuss civil rights and urge the passage of such legislation.

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Any additional pertinent data received in this matter will be made available to the Department promptly.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: February 15, 1956

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: JUDGE WILLIAM HENRY HASTIE

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SYNOPSIS:

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[redacted] The Director noted, "Let me have summaries on Hastie and one mentioned by Max if we can identify him. H."

[redacted] apparently referring to Judge William Henry Hastie, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia. Ralph (last name unknown) possibly identical with Dr. Ralph J. Bunche or Dr. S. Ralph Harlow, currently on Board of Directors, NAACP. Bureau files reflect following concerning them:

William Henry Hastie, Judge, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, since 1949, was subject of applicant-type investigation in 1935 revealing nothing derogatory. Was subject of Departmental applicant investigation in 1950, re judgeship appointment, revealing his affiliation with numerous cited Communist fronts, 1936-48. In June, 1955, Judge Hastie rendered dissenting opinion when U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed conviction in Pittsburgh Smith Act cases. Hastie active i NAACP affairs and served in various capacities with it over period of years

Dr. S. Ralph Harlow, Professor, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, since 1923, has not been investigated by Bureau; was reportedly connected with various cited front organizations, 1940-41, 1949-50.

Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, member of U.N. staff since 1946, was subject of Hatch Act investigation, 1940-41, and U.N. loyalty investigation, 1953-54. Bunche cleared by International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board, 5/28/54. Reportedly was one of founders of National Negro Congress (cited by Attorney General); was identified by two former Communist Party (CP) members as having attended CP meeting, 1936, and introduced as CP member; and reportedly was affiliated in early 1940's with numerous cited front organizations. He listed Alger Hiss as reference in 1946 in connection with his U.N. employment. Former CP member reportedly employed at U.N. at request of Bunche.

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1 - Mr. Nichols
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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For your information.

DETAILS:

1 [redacted] The Director noted, "Let me have summaries on Hastie and one mentioned by [redacted] if we can identify him. H."

[redacted] is apparently referring to Judge William Henry Hastie, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It is not possible to identify Ralph (last name unknown), the other individual referred to by Rabb; however, Ralph may be identical with either Dr. Ralph J. Bunche or Dr. S. Ralph Harlow, who are currently on the Board of Directors of the NAACP. Bureau files reflect the following information concerning them:

William Henry Hastie

Summary

Hastie was born 11/17/04, Knoxville, Tennessee. He received an A.B. degree at Amherst College, 1925; an LL.B. degree (1930) and an S.J.D. degree (1933) from Harvard University. He was employed as Assistant Solicitor, Department of Interior, Washington, D. C., 1933-37; Judge, District Court of Virgin Islands, 1937-39; Dean, Howard University School of Law, 1939-46; Aide to Secretary of War, 1940-43; Governor of Virgin Islands 1946-49; and on 10/21/49 received commission as Judge, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Hastie has served in various capacities with NAACP and is presently on its Board of Directors. (1)

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Hastie was subject of Bureau applicant-type investigation in 1935 which revealed no derogatory information. He was subject of a Departmental applicant investigation conducted by the Bureau in 1950 in connection with his appointment as Judge, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The investigation revealed his connection with the following organizations:

Southern Conference for Human Welfare, Vice President, 1943, and sponsor, 1946; National Negro Congress, endorser, 1936; Washington Committee for Democratic Action, sponsor, date unknown; National Conference on Constitutional Liberties, sponsor, 1940, (foregoing organizations have been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450). (1)

He reportedly has also been connected with the following organizations cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities: National Lawyers Guild, member, 1939, 1943, 1947-48, Vice President, 1943, 1948; Scottsboro Defense Committee, speaker, April, 1936; Abolish Peonage Committee, active, but dates unknown; Conference on Constitutional Liberties, sponsor, June, 1940; National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax, sponsor, March, 1946.

The June 15, 1955, issue of the "Daily Worker," east coast Communist newspaper, carried an article stating that while the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had affirmed the conviction in the Pittsburgh Smith Act cases, Judge William Henry Hastie had dissented. Judge Hastie charged that the Government had failed to prove that the defendants had conspired to "accomplish the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force and violence as speedily as circumstances would permit." He said that if the Communist Party's "present tactic is a waiting game, characterized by the teaching of revolutionary theory while incitation to action is left for the indefinite future, the first amendment prevents the Government from proscribing their teaching." (62-53247-A) (2)

Dr. S. Ralph Harlow

Summary

Harlow was born 7/20/85, Boston Massachusetts. He received an A.B. degree from Harvard University in 1908. He graduated from the Union Theological Seminary, New York, 1913; received

A.M. degree from Columbia, 1919, and Ph.D. degree from Hartford (Connecticut) Theological Seminary, 1929. He was ordained a minister, Congressional Church, 1912. He has been a professor of religion and social ethics, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, since 1923. He is a member of Board of Directors, NAACP. ("Who's Who in America," 1954-55)

Harlow has not been investigated by the Bureau; however, Bureau files reflect he has been connected with the following cited organizations:

American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, sponsor, March 1940, and March, 1941; American Peace Mobilization, supporter, June, 1941, (organizations designated by the Attorney General); Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact, signed statement, December, 1949; World Peace Appeal, endorser, 1950, (organizations cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities). (100-383697-1)

In addition to the above, Bureau files reflect that in May of 1936 an outside source advised that S. Ralph Harlow was a member of the National Committee of National Religion and Labor Foundation. The informant described that organization as "a very leftist organization consisting largely of graduate students, ministers, and Y.M.C.A. secretaries who have forsaken the quest for knowledge of the spiritual Kingdom of God in favor of the effort to solve the world's troubles by Socialist formulae." (61-443-1126)

Information is available that during 1937 the organization Friends of the Soviet Union undertook the publication of the book entitled, "The Golden Book of American Friendship," which was advertised as having been signed by hundreds of thousands of Americans and presented to the President of the Soviet Union at the 20th Anniversary celebration in Moscow at the end of 1937. One page of these signatures was produced in facsimile in the publication "Soviet Russia Today," November, 1937, issue, which is the organ published by the Friends of the Soviet Union. Included in this page of signatures appeared the following, "S. Ralph Harlow, professor at Smith College; member of John Reed Club; conductor of tours to Soviet Russia; in the League for Industrial Democracy." (100-7045-13X4)

Memorandum for Mr. Beardman

A newspaper article from a New York newspaper dated June 2, 1[illegible], captioned "Red Revolt Scheme Revealed in Report" makes reference to a report alleged to have been submitted to the "Legislature" by a special investigating committee, which report is said to be an expose of the "workings of the Communist Party in the United States." The article concluded by stating: "The Commission charged that Communist organizations were functioning in many colleges and universities in the country. Among those listed were the following: Professor - S. Ralph Harlow, Smith College...." (61-7558-157X1)

In 1938 Walter S. Steele, while testifying before a Congressional Committee investigating un-American activities, furnished that Committee with information regarding "a few of the most active leaders and lecturers of the League for Industrial Democracy." Under the heading "Lecturers" Mr. Steele submitted the following information: "S. Ralph Harlow, Professor at Smith College; circulator of sex questionnaire; member of John Reed Club (Communist); member of War Resisters; proponent of Recognition of Soviet Russia; member of Reconciliation Tours to Industrial Workers of the World and Communist dens of New York City." (Dies Committee Rpt. Walter Steele, Vol. 1, p. 386)

Dr. Ralph J. Bunche. Summary Press.

Bunche was born 8/7/04 at Detroit, Michigan. He received an A.B. degree from the University of California, 1927; an A.M. degree, 1928, and a Ph.D. degree, 1934, from Harvard University. In 1928 he commenced association with Howard University, Washington, D. C., which continued until 1946. He was employed by the U.S. Government from 1941-47, serving in the Office of Strategic Services, the Office of the Coordinator of Information, and in the Department of State. He was appointed to the United Nations in 1946 and now holds the title of Under Secretary. ("Who's Who in America," 1954-55)

The Bureau conducted a Hatch Act investigation of Bunche in 1940-41 and a U.N. loyalty investigation during 1953-54. He was cleared by the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board on 5/28/54. During the course of the investigation, many

Memorandum for Mr. Beardman

Sources described Bunche as a loyal American citizen; however, allegations indicating possible disloyalty were developed. Bunche was reported as one of the founders of the National Negro Congress (NNC), cited by the Attorney General. [redacted] b7D After the NNC had been exposed as a Communist-dominated organization Bunche denounced it in April, 1940.

Bunche was reportedly affiliated during the early 1940's with numerous other organizations cited by the Attorney General and Congressional Committees, including the Council on African Affairs, American Youth Congress, and the United American Spanish Aid Committee. Bunche, in testimony before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee (Jenner Committee), in March, 1953, admitted 1942-45 membership in the American Council, Institute of Pacific Relations, which has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities. He also denied membership in the CP or in any organization advocating disloyalty or the overthrow of the Government by force and violence. He said he had attended meetings and conferences at which Communists were present and in this connection referred specifically to the NNC. Bunche listed Alger Hiss as a reference in 1946 in connection with his U.N. employment [redacted] b7c

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Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

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Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Subject: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to my previous communications relative to the forthcoming Leadership Conference on Civil Rights scheduled to be held in Washington, D. C., on March 4 through 6, 1956, under the sponsorship of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and other supporting organizations.

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You are instructed to contact [redacted] b7D

interested in legitimate activities of the NAACP in connection with conference to be held in Washington March 3-6, 1956.

Specifically point out to [redacted] that Bureau is only interested in efforts of Communist Party to influence or direct the conference. b7D

Also advise Bureau immediately if [redacted] will attend conference as [redacted] b2 b7D

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Date: February 23, 1956

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
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Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
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Reference is made to my previous communications relative to the forthcoming Leadership Conference on Civil Rights scheduled to be held in Washington, D. C., on March 4 through 6, 1956, under the sponsorship of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and other supporting organizations.

The following article captioned "NAACP Delegates Go To Washington," which appeared in the February 14, 1956, issue of the "Oberlin Review," a newspaper published by the students of Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, indicates that NAACP campus organizations will also be active in the above-mentioned conference:

"In conjunction with campus organizations all over the nation, the College National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is planning to send delegates to the National Delegate Assembly for Civil Rights, to be held in Washington, D. C., March 4-6.

"As defined by the NAACP, the purpose of this Civil Rights assembly is 'to call upon Congress to enact legislation to safeguard the civil rights of American citizens.' Delegates from the college campus will meet with individual Congressmen to discuss civil rights and urge the passage of such legislation."

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Letter to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
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"There will be a meeting of all students interested in attending this Assembly 4:30 p.m. Thursday in Goodrich House to discuss details of transportation and arrangements."

Any additional pertinent data received in this matter will be made available to you promptly.

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[redacted] Press Conference [redacted] Willard Hotel 2/16/56, approximately twelve persons were present, including ROY WILKINS, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, CLARENCE MITCHELL of the Local NAACP, JOHN GUNTHER of the Americans for Democratic Action, [redacted] of the United Auto Workers, one [redacted] from the United Steel Workers. WILKINS referred [redacted] the conference as the "National Delegate Assembly for Civil Rights". WILKINS stated they wanted all Congressional Districts to have equal representation and did not want the total delegation to exceed 2000 persons. WILKINS stated that delegates were being thoroughly screened, each by his own sponsoring organizations, in order that the Communists could not infiltrate the "Assembly" and give it a bad name. He stated the participating organizations are all non-Communist. WILKINS advised that registration would take place March 4, 1956, at both the Willard Hotel and the 12th Street YMCA gymnasium. Sunday night's meeting is to be devoted to testimonials from delegates regarding Civil Rights violations known to them.

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FBI, CHICAGO (100-8261) 2/25/56

DIRECTOR, FBI (61-3176)

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Reference is made to WFO airtel to Director 2/21/56, relative to coverage of Leadership Conference on Civil Rights scheduled for 3/4 through 6, 1956, at Washington, D.C.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: 2-21-56

FROM : A. H. Belmont

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

SUBJECT: LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON CIVIL RIGHTS
TO BE HELD MARCH 4 THROUGH 6, 1956,
WASHINGTON, D. C.
Sponsored by National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
and Supporting Organizations
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cc Boardman
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In connection with the captioned conference the Washington Field Office has determined the records of the General Services Administration reveal that [redacted] Department of Labor, made reservations for the Interdepartmental auditorium in the Department of Labor building on behalf of the NAACP for 7 to 10 p.m. 3/4/56 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 3/6/56.

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[redacted] advised that Mr. Clarence Mitchell of the NAACP at Washington made reservations at the Willard Hotel in the name of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. Reservations are as follows:

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3/4/56	Executive Room - 9 a.m. Cabinet Room - All day
3/5/56	Cabinet Room - All day Grand Ball Room - All Day
3/6/56	Cabinet Room - All day

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In addition the NAACP has reserved 75 double rooms and 25 single rooms at the Willard Hotel.

Coverage of Conference

By airtel dated 2/16/56 the Bureau instructed 15 field offices to determine whether Communist delegations will attend the conference and, if so, to ascertain the identities and number of those participating [redacted]

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

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It is pointed out that the Bureau's investigative interest in the NAACP is the Communist infiltration into the organization only, and we have been conducting an active investigation to determine the extent of Communist influence in the organization. Our reports, of course, have been disseminated to the Department and intelligence agencies of the Armed Forces on a continuing basis. Therefore, our coverage should be designed to cover Communist Party (CP) efforts to influence or direct the conference.

This conference will undoubtedly receive extensive coverage by the press since the NAACP is not a secretive organization, openly publicizes its programs and seeks publicity. Developments at the conference will thus be available through the press

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It is not known at this time the size of Communist delegations coming to Washington for the conference or if such delegations will be able to participate in activities of the conference in view of the requirements of the Credentials Committee established by the NAACP. Roy Wilkins, the executive secretary of the NAACP has publicly warned that "left-wing groups" are attempting to infiltrate the conference and has pledged every effort to keep Communists from influencing the gathering.

As an example of the intense interest being taken by the CP in regard to this conference the New York Office advised by airtel [redacted] b7D

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

The New York Office was telephonically instructed on 2/21/56 to take action at once to have appropriate informant coverage of this group of CP members in order that the Bureau can be apprised of their activities while in Washington, D. C.

We have obtained in connection with our use for National Academy graduations a copy of the regulations (attached) published by the General Services Administration governing the use of the Departmental Auditorium. These regulations provide the auditorium is available for assignment to:

"1) Agencies of the Federal Government and the government of the District of Columbia, for official use.

2) Officially recognized agencies, clubs, or educational units of the Federal Government or the government of the District of Columbia.

The foregoing shall not be construed to include sponsored meetings, meetings of a political, sectarian, fraternal, or similar nature, or meetings held for the purpose of promotion of commercial enterprises or commodities."

It has also been used in the past by such organizations as the Community Chest, 4-H Clubs, et cetera.

In view of the above there may be some doubt whether the NAACP could be construed as falling within the type of organization that could be allowed use of this auditorium.

RECOMMENDATION: We will continue to advise the Director of CP efforts to infiltrate or influence this conference and the status of our informant coverage of CP delegations coming to Washington in conjunction with the conference.

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I gather that as of now we are not in a position to cover the conference. E.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
REGION 3
Washington 25, D. C.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF THE DEPARTMENTAL AUDITORIUM AND ADJACENT CONFERENCE ROOMS

Constitution Avenue Between 12th and 14th Streets, N. W.

1. The Departmental Auditorium and Conference Rooms A, B, and C adjacent thereto shall be available for assignment to:

a. Agencies of the Federal Government and the government of the District of Columbia, for official use.

b. Officially recognized agencies, clubs, or educational units of the Federal Government or the government of the District of Columbia.

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2. Application for the use of the Auditorium or Conference Rooms should be submitted at least one week in advance. It should be addressed as follows and include the information outlined below:

General Services Administration, Region 3
ATTENTION: Triangle Area Manager
Room 1408
New Post Office Building
12th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

a. Name of agency in whose behalf the application is submitted.

b. Date of requested assignment, and hours proposed for its commencement and termination.

c. Nature of the contemplated program.

d. Approximate number of persons expected to attend.

e. Whether motion pictures or lantern slides are to be exhibited, stating (1) size of film, 35 or 16mm; (2) size of lantern slide.

3. No program shall continue beyond midnight.

4. If the projection of motion pictures or lantern slides is a part of the program, competent operators will be furnished under the supervision of the General Services Administration.

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5. Music racks, ushers, and attendants for checking wraps, if needed, must be furnished by and at the expense of the permittee.

6. No admission fee shall be charged, no indirect assessment shall be made for admission, and no collection shall be taken. Commercial advertising or the sale of articles of any character will not be permitted.

7. The serving of refreshments is prohibited.

8. A sample of any literature or folders to be distributed or posted shall be forwarded for review when formal request is made for either the Auditorium or Conference Rooms.

9. All persons attending meetings will be required to go directly to the Auditorium or Conference Rooms and to leave by the most direct exit. They shall be provided with tickets or other identification, except when the general public is invited. No one will be admitted to other parts of the building unless in the possession of a properly signed pass.

10. All persons attending meetings will be subject to the "Rules and Regulations Governing Public Buildings and Grounds," promulgated by the Administrator of General Services.

11. SMOKING IS PROHIBITED WITHIN THE AUDITORIUM.

APPROVED DECEMBER 1, 1953

William A. Miller
William A. Miller
Regional Director

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AUDITORIUM..... (1500 can be accommodated by setting up additional chairs)	1325
CONFERENCE ROOM A..... (Can be arranged to accommodate 60)	30
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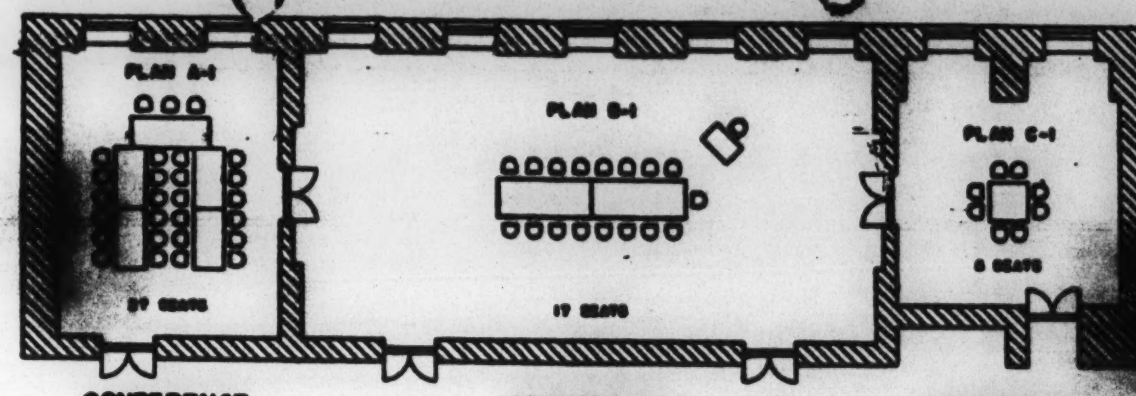

SEATING PLANS SHOWN ARE STANDARD AND MAY BE ALTERED TO MEET NEEDS.

DEPARTMENTAL AUDITORIUM CONFERENCE ROOMS

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
REGION 3
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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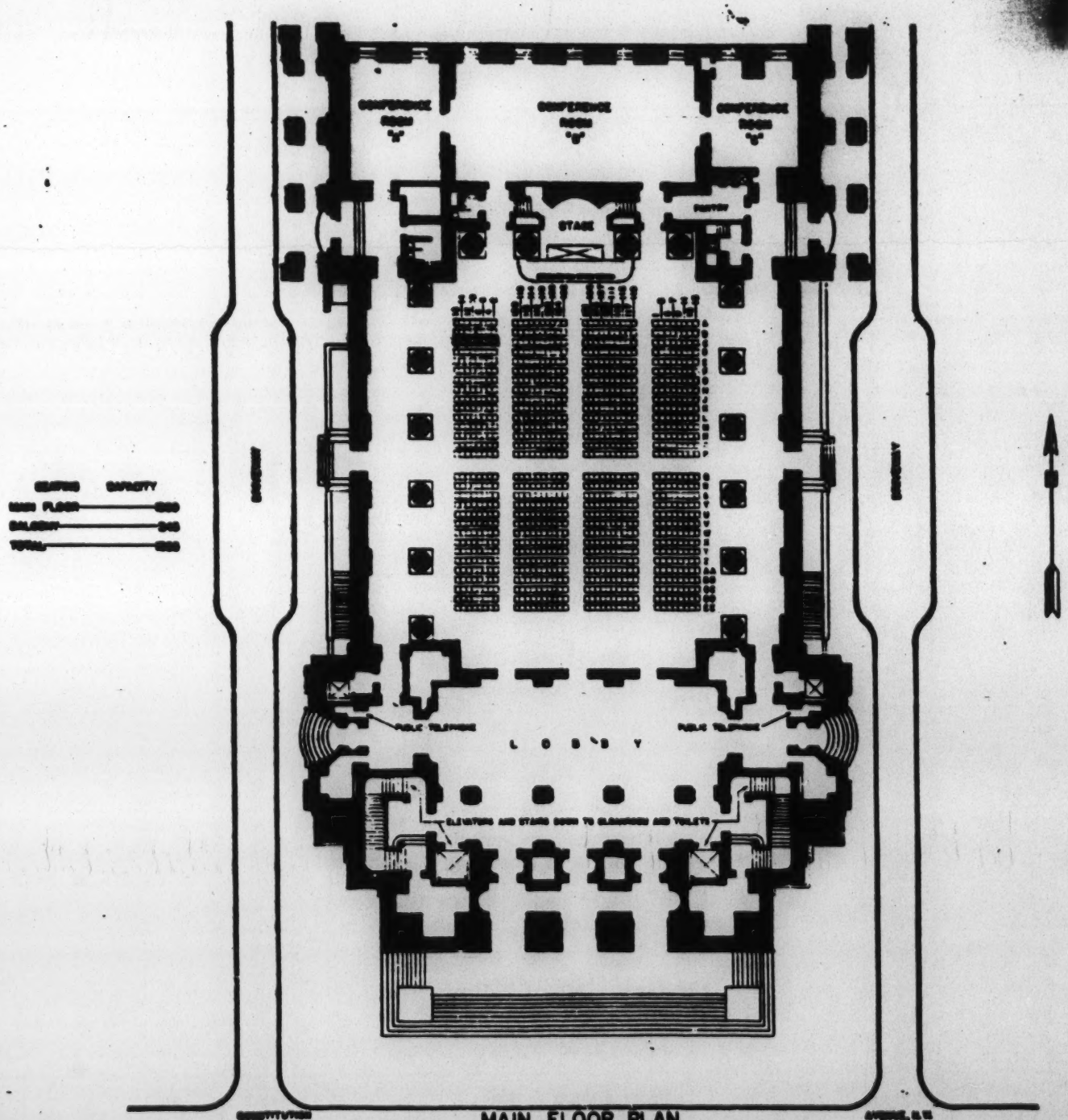

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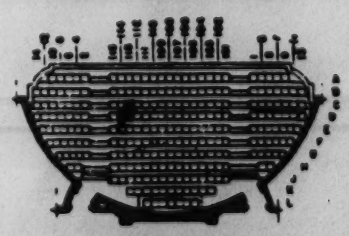

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SUPPLEMENTAL FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. V. BOARDMAN

DATE February 24, 1956

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON CIVIL RIGHTS
TO BE HELD MARCH 4 THROUGH 6, 1956,
WASHINGTON, D. C.
Sponsored by National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
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It was stated in the attached memorandum from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman dated February 21, 1956, that our coverage in connection with the above-captioned conference was designed to determine the extent of the Communist influence upon the conference rather than to cover the legitimate meetings of the conference itself. In this connection, the Director noted "I gather that as of now we are not in a position to cover the conference. H."

[redacted] The reason we have not done so is that the conference is sponsored by and reservations for meeting places are in the name of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and not the Communist Party or any of its front organizations. It is our feeling that it would be unnecessarily risky to attempt direct coverage of the meetings of the conference.

However, we are most interested in any attempts of the Communist Party to control or influence any of the meetings of this conference and, therefore, [redacted] We should then be in a position to know of Communist Party attempts to control the conference. When we have heard from all offices involved, we will know better what our problem in connection with the coverage of Communist groups will be. We will make every effort to cover all Communist Party or front group meetings which are held as collateral meetings to this conference and for the purpose of exerting control over it. We will watch this matter closely in order to be in a po-

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cc Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
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sition to notify responsible authorities of the attempts of the Communist element to take over the conference and of any agitational activity which may be engaged in by persons in the subversive field in connection with this conference.

RECOMMENDATION

This Division will continue to follow this matter closely and as soon as the plans for the various groups throughout the country for attendance at this conference have been crystalized a further memorandum will be submitted. Interested offices have been instructed to furnish by Tuesday, February 28, all data obtained as of that time and to submit daily teletypes thereafter to Bureau and NFO setting forth subsequent developments.

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For your information.

Roy Wilkins

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February 14, 1956

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Dear Branch and Youth Council Officers:

You have received notice of the National Delegate Assembly for Civil Rights which will be held in Washington, D.C., March 4-6, and instructions have been sent you about the selection of delegates according to congressional districts.

This letter is to say to you very frankly that intensive efforts are being made by left-wing groups and individuals to get into the Assembly as delegates. Since they know that delegates are limited to national organizations in the Leadership Conference and they know that none of their organizations is a member, they are trying to get elected as delegates by local chapters of organizations already in the Leadership Conference.

They are making a special effort to be elected as delegates by local branches of the NAACP. You know that the national policy of the NAACP is not to cooperate with any Communist-front or left-wing group. Of course we do not work with Communists.

This letter is to warn you to be very careful in your selection of delegates. When you give a delegate credentials to the Washington meeting in the name of your branch you are assuming responsibility for the good name of the NAACP.

Beware of people who come forward and offer to be a delegate and pay their own expenses. It may be that such persons have already been told that someone else will pay their expenses if they can get to be elected as an NAACP delegate.

Because left-wing publications and organizations already have urged their members to "support" the civil rights rally in Washington, many Washington officials and numerous daily newspapers and wire services are making inquiries because they have heard that our rally in Washington will be "captured" by left-wing individuals and groups. If this should happen the whole civil rights movement will receive a black eye, and we will get very little attention, if any, by the Congress.

The responsibility is up to the local chapters of the NAACP since they are on the scene and should know their communities and individuals very well.

Here at the national office we are depending upon every branch officer to protect the good name and effectiveness of the NAACP in this major fight for civil rights legislation, by carrying out the national policy as embodied and re-affirmed year after year in our annual convention anti-Communist resolution.

Very sincerely yours,

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Roy Wilkins

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Roy Wilkins
Executive Secretary

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Date: 2/27/56

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On 7/15/55 at Detroit, Michigan, Federal Judge FRANK A. PICARD rendered a decision ordering the denaturalization of STANLEY NOWAK for concealing Communist affiliation at the time of his naturalization.

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WFO and Newark are requested to alert security informants and sources of information.

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ask more power for the Justice Dept in dealing with Civil Rights matters.

The Conference is being spearheaded by the NAACP and the United Auto Workers.

Registration is to take place on [redacted] will be held on the 4th, 5th and 6th, 1956.

There has been considerable [redacted] indicating the Communist Party's interest and attempts to infiltrate this conference.

Denver will keep the Bureau and [redacted] Info.

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Mr. Belmont

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

February 29, 1956

Director, FBI

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
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ON 10-16-87

Reference is made to my previous memoranda concerning the Legislative Conference on Civil Rights, also referred to as the National Delegate Assembly for Civil Rights, being held in Washington, D. C., on March 4 through 6, 1956, under the sponsorship of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and supporting organizations.

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Our information reflects that due to the efforts being made by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to screen all delegates and exclude subversive elements from the conference, Communist Party members are encountering difficulty in obtaining credentials to be properly accredited to the conference.

It appears, however, the Communist Party has been successful in isolated instances in arranging for Communist Party members on an individual basis to attend the conference. Collateral meetings to influence the conference other than direct participation also have been scheduled by the Communist Party.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-3176)

DATE: 2/28/56

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11596)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
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Reuytel 2/28/56, captioned as above.

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February 14, 1956

Mr. Tolson: National Association for Advancement of Colored People

There is attached a clipping which appeared on the front page of the Editorial Section of the New York Herald Tribune on Sunday, February 12, 1956 [redacted] had asked me how best to point up the feeling on the part of the white people in the South. I suggested that he get statements from a couple of acknowledged liberal editors and I gave him such names as Ralph McGill, Editor of the Atlanta Constitution; Jonathan Daniels, Editor of the News and Observer, Raleigh, North Carolina; Thomas Waring, Editor, The News and Courier, Charleston, South Carolina; Hodding Carter, Editor, Delta Democrat-Times, Greenville, Mississippi; and Buford Boone, Publisher, The Tuscaloosa News, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The attached is the result, which I think gives a pretty good picture of the tensity of the feeling in the South and the deep resentment against intermeddling.

There is also attached Walter Lippmann's column, which appeared in the New York Herald Tribune on February 14, 1956, which takes a surprisingly middle-of-the-road and sensible view.

I frankly do not feel that too many people are fully aware of the growing racial tensions and the potentialities. This could become the biggest domestic problem of our era if it is permitted to go much further and reach a point where both sides are entrenched and take an irrevocable position. We are nearly there now. If there ever was a time when some real leadership was needed, it is now.

It seems to me that this whole matter is of sufficient importance to the welfare of the country to warrant the President dealing with this problem, preferably in a television appearance where he could point out the need to replace the emotion that has been generated with reason; the need to develop understanding; the need to make it crystal clear that the Federal Government is not going to be a party to return to the Reconstruction Days where human rights were trampled over. But, on the other hand, it is the duty of all Americans to maintain good will and try to seek understanding with the realization that you cannot legislate against human nature and traditions and customs cannot be changed over night.

I think the speeches of the politicians really are serving no useful purpose except to add fuel to the flames. I think that Nixon's remarks last night served no useful purpose. However, this is not a matter of our concern. Maintaining peace, however, within our borders is; and if a conflagration of emotions

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Mr. Tolson:

should erupt into acts of violence, I shudder at the consequences, and the Bureau will be smack in the middle.

The thought, therefore, occurs that the Director might want to give some consideration to mentioning personally to the Attorney General the need to inject a new attitude into the matter of race relations--one that comes not through force, but through understanding. The finest thing the Attorney General could do for the cause of civil rights would be to start quietly talking to some of the Southern leaders and endeavor to get them to take the lead in building up public opinion that will protect states' rights within the framework of the Constitution.

It is too bad the Lincoln Day addresses could not truly have commemorated Lincoln by seeking to develop understanding rather than developing political favors.

Respectfully,

D. B. Nichols

ADDENDUM: LBN:arm 2-14-56. In view of the contemplated march on Washington on March 4 and 6 under the sponsorship of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), it would also appear that some steps should be taken well in advance of this meeting to cauterize its effect; and while we cannot inject ourselves into legislative matters, it would seem that the Attorney General would be well advised to request his minimum legislative program prior to the March 4 meeting, otherwise, anything that he does can be attacked on the basis it was forced by the NAACP meeting.

Suggest copy of Lippman article be sent to AG and Rogers

Memo to AG 2-29-56

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